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Dear Mr Azzam,

Thank you for your telex message dated 29 April, which was received by our Embassy in Ankara after I had left there. I have now seen it on my return to London, and have also learnt that Mr Dennis Walters MP passed on a similar message on your behalf also on 29 April.

I agree that justice should be done to Dr Necmettin Erbakan and his colleagues. I understood from the Turkish Government that they are committed to follow the due process of law while they tackle the critical problems facing the country. We shall continue to follow events very closely. Whilst Dr Erbakan is being tried in a duly established Turkish court, I do not, however, think that it would be appropriate for an outside party to try to intervene.

Yours sincerely

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